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SUBJECT: COUP: FURTHER THOUGHTS

1. KEY ISSUE FOR THE MOMENT IS WHETHER MAKARIOS IS ALIVE AND WHAT SORT OF PROTECTION HE HAS IN PAPHOS. IF ALIVE (NICOSIA 1367) HE MAY SUCCEED IN LEADING TO DEFECTION OF SOME NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FROM OFFICERS, POSSIBLY IMPAIRING THE ONE INSTRUMENT OF CONTROL WHICH ATHENS IS USING IN PRESENT SITUATION. UNFICYP BRIG. GENERAL FRANK HENN AND POLAD JOHN MILES ON WHOM I CALLED AT 11:00 AM TOLD ME THAT NO FIRM INFORMATION ON SITUATION FAMAGUSTA, LIMASSOL, BUT HAD REPORTS POLICE STATIONS THERE IN HANDS NATIONAL GUARD.

2. BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT DEPT SPOKESMAN, IF ASKED, MAKE
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CLEAR THAT USG CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE MAKARIOS GOVT, EXCEPT

IN HIGHLY UNLIKELY EVENTUALITY THAT CLEAR EVIDENCE OF HIS DEATH IS FORTHCOMING BEFORE NOON WASHINGTON TIME. THIS IS NECESSARY TO ALLAY ANY DOUBTS IN MOSCOW, ANKARA OR ATHENS AS TO WHERE WE STAND.

3. IF AND ONLY IF MAKARIOS CLEARLY REMOVED, BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD CONSIDER A VERY STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF ELECTIONS HERE. A SAMPSON GOVERNMENT WILL BE STRICTLY DEPENDENT UPON GREEK ARMS, AND ALMOST CERTAIN TO PRECIPITATE CONTINUING RIGHT/LEFT STRUGGLE AMONG GREEK CYPRIOTS. WILL ALSO KEEP DANGER VERY HIGH THAT TURKS WILL DECIDE THEY MUST INTERVENE TO PROTECT TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AGAINST RABID ENOSIST. WE DOUBT GREEK JUNTA LIKELY TO BE WILLING TO ENTRUST ITS "VICTORY" TO ELECTORAL PROCESS, BUT BEST HOPE OF STABILIZING SITUATION HERE WOULD BE FOR MODERATE LEADER (PROBABLY CLERIDES) WHO IS NOT BEHOLDEN TO ATHENS REGIME, TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN POWER ON HIS OWN. USG POSITION ON ELECTIONS SHOULD PROBABLY BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. TURKS PARTICULARLY MIGHT SEE THIS AS ONLY REASONABLE PROSPECT OF ASSURING THAT NEW GOVT IS NOT SIMPLY A GREEK PUPPET. TURKEY MAY BE IN BETTER POSITION THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY TO PERSUADE ATHENS OF DESIRABILITY OF SUCH ELECTIONS.

4. IN ORDER TO ASSURE TURKS AND OTHERS THAT ELECTIONS ARE LEGITIMATE, WE BELIEVE BEST BET WOULD BE TO BRING UN ABOARD AND TO HOLD THEM UNDER UNFICYP AUSPICES. GIVEN PRESENT UNSYG'S TENDENCY TO GIVE NARROW INTERPRETATION TO HIS AUTHORITY, HE MAY BELIEVE HE REQUIRES A CHANGE OF MANDATE. WE BELIEVE THAT REREADING OF 1964 MANDATE MAKES CLEAR NO CHANGES REQUIRED FOR UNFICYP TO PLAY SUCH A ROLE. UNSYG NEED HARDLY FEAR THAT INTERESTED POWERS WOULD OBJECT TO HIS TAKING SUCH AN ENLARGED RESPONSIBILITY. WE ASSUME THAT MOSCOW WOULD SEE THIS AS MOST ATTRACTIVE AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVE.

5. THERE IS OF COURSE UNPREDICTABLE DANGER THAT AKEL WOULD GAIN STRENGTH, PARTICULARLY IF IT CHOSE TO TAKE GLOVES OFF IN AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. WE THINK RISK JUSTIFIED. ATHENS WOULD BE UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM STANDOFF OVER INTERESTS TO SUPPORT MODERATE CANDIDATE IN ORDER TO TAKE VOTES FROM LEFT, AND IN THAT CASE AKEL MIGHT FIND ITSELF (AGAIN AS IT HAS

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